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geographic area for which it is mandatory for use. The geographic area applies to the location where final delivery of the supplies is to be made, or the service to be performed, and not to the location of the ordering office. In most cases, the Republic of Panama will not be within the geographic limitations of the schedule and mandatory use will not be applicable. The mandatory use provisions of FAR 8.4 and 41 CFR 101-26.4 are applicable to Commission offices located in the United States when ordering supplies or services to be delivered or performed in the United States for their own use.

(e) *Lower prices for identical items.* The Commission may purchase products from any source pursuant to the conditions set forth in FAR 8.404-1(e).

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3509.000 Scope of part.

This part implements FAR part 9 and provides Commission policy and procedures pertaining to: contractor's responsibility; debarment, suspension, and ineligibility; qualified products; and organizational conflicts of interest.

Subpart 3509.1—Responsible Prospective Contractors

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(c) *Satisfactory performance record.* If the contracting officer invokes the presumption of nonresponsibility required by FAR 9.104-3(c), the contracting officer shall give notice, together with the reasons for invoking the presumption, to the Procurement Executive.

3509.106 Preaward surveys.

3509.106-70 Professional type services preaward surveys.

(a) Generally, preaward surveys are not performed for acquisition of professional type services such as those provided by medical doctors, lawyers or other licensed and/or regulated professions.

(b) To assist in making a determination of responsibility for professional type services, the types of information listed below shall be obtained from the offeror when applicable:

(1) Organizational structure and plan contemplated to accomplish the service;